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## **EID receives \$1.6 million grant for new Caples Lake boat launch facility**

### **Funding approved by CA Boating and Waterways Commission**

Placerville, CA... A new boat launch facility at Caples Lake is a step closer to reality thanks to a \$1.6 million grant approved by the California Boating and Waterways Commission. The decision was announced on August 24 during a Commission meeting attended by El Dorado Irrigation (EID) Board Vice President Bill George and EID staff.

“We’re very pleased with the department’s decision,” George said. “It means we can get started on construction of a launch site that visitors to Caples Lake can enjoy. And we’ll meet one of the requirements for our hydroelectric power Project 184 license.”

EID took over management of Caples Lake from Pacific Gas and Electric Company in 1999 as part of the District’s acquisition of Project 184. The lake is part of the overall water supply for the Project, and the new boat launch is one of the conditions that EID must meet through the Project’s relicensing process.

EID and the U.S. Forest Service worked together on the grant application. When the boat launch is finished, EID will manage it with the Forest Service and Department of Boating and Waterways in a unique three-way partnership.

The launch facility will include a new two-lane boat launching ramp, a boarding float, rock slope protection, an accessible boat loading platform, and a new parking area, restroom, and water distribution system. Walkways, signs, and re-vegetation of the site will complete the facility. All costs except for the Highway 88 turn pocket and road to the parking area will be covered by the grant funding.

Caples Lake is located in Alpine County, approximately 30 miles southwest of Lake Tahoe and 120 miles east of Sacramento. Nestled in an alpine setting at an elevation of 7800 feet, the lake is surrounded by granite peaks, groves of aspen and alder, and stands of mountain hemlock, western white pine, white bark pine, white fir, red fir, and juniper. It is highly regarded among fishing lakes in northern California and boasts fine catches of rainbow, brook, brown, and Mackinaw trout. Many anglers troll for these fish from small boats on the lake.

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## Cables Lake Boat Launching Facility

